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Conservation Commission Minutes 08/16/2012

Arlington Conservation Commission
 Minutes
 August 16, 2012

Mr. Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Town Hall Annex. Present were Nathaniel Stevens, Eileen Coleman, Chris Naylor, Michelle Durocher, and Catherine Garnett of the Commission. Charles Tirone, David White and Curt Connors of the Commission were not present. Also present were Joey Glushko, George Krain, Mariane Krain, Neil Crothers, Christine Deshler, Teresa Winstead, Olga Krivchenko, and Tim Lee.

7:45 pm – Commission Business:

Naylor/Garnett motioned to approve the **8/2 minutes**; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Glushko invited the board to participate in the Town's **Master Plan** process. The initial session will take place on Wednesday Oct. 17 at 7pm in the Town Hall auditorium, structured as a World Café event to share ideas and build consensus. All town residents are invited and the higher the number of involved participants, the more robust plan will be created.

Ms. Beckwith will visit the property at **317 Mystic St** before the next meeting and report back to the board.

Ms. Beckwith will forward a sign up schedule for the table at **Town Day** on Sept. 15.

8pm – **Request for Determination of Applicability** – 48 Forest St., garage reconstruction

Mr. Crothers presented the project to replace a garage that was burned down in a fire. They are asking that the dimension of the structure increase slightly to accommodate two cars and that the alignment also move slightly in order to make entering and exiting safer.

The plans were displayed on a survey plot plan. There were no erosion controls shown on the plan.

The existing foundation was 18 by 18 feet = 324 sf. They are proposing to build a 24 by 24 foot structure = 576 sf. They intend to remove 12 by 15 feet = 180 of pavers from behind the garage. There is roughly 72 square feet of increased impervious surface, with this design.

The board asked if the small area of asphalt beyond (to the right of) the driveway entrance to the garage could be removed, turned into garden. Mr. Crothers thought that this could easily be accomplished.

Mr. Crothers will redrawn the plot plan and show the removed asphalt and patio, new garage and the line of erosion controls.

The board scheduled a site walk for 8/21 at 8am and continued the hearing to 9/6, with the applicants consent.

8:15pm – **Request for Determination of Applicability** – 64 Wright St, landscaping and deck redevelopment

Mr. Lee presented the proposal to removal a large portion of a rear driveway to the property as well as reconstruct a deck within the Buffer Zone to an adjacent wetland. They would use a Bobcat to access the driveway area, dig out the subbase and place in new fill. The drywell in a previous design has presently been removed due to unstable soil

(peat) found at depth underneath the property.

Pervious pavers will be used at the front of the property on the far side away from the wetland.

The Conservation Commission is not confirming the exact location of the wetland delineation on the adjacent property on Dothan St with this decision.

Coleman/Garnett motioned that while the property is within an area of jurisdiction, that the proposed work will not impact resource areas, and therefore does not require a Notice of Intent; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Garnett questioned Mr. Lee as to the presence of a shed at the rear of the property, which she remembered being sited near the Dothan St boundary of the property. Mr. Lee confirmed the presence of the shed but did not provide justification as to why the plans did not properly represent this structure.

Other Commission Business:

Mr. Stevens presented a draft Forest Management Plan for the woods at the **Symmes** property. He notified the board of a site walk on 8/23 at 9am. Ms. Garnett suggested photos of before and after conditions for pruning recommendations in the plan.

The Commission sent a letter to the abutter of the **0 Hemlock St** conservation land. The abutter may come to discuss the matter in September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Corinna Beckwith
Commission Administrator